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SUBJECT: MESSAGES TO NYERERE AND KAUNDA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED TEXTS OF MESSAGES TO NYERERE
AND KAUNDA PER REFTEL:

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: (NYERERE) AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE
BEEN IN URGENT CONSULTATIONS ON WHICH STEPS WOULD BE MOST
APPROPRIATELY TAKEN TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S
PROBLEMS. EVENTS ARE BEGINNING TO MOVE AT A PACE AND IN
A DIRECTION I FIND POSITIVE.

"SINCE YOUR LAST TALK WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE,
WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENTS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE UNDER
ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OUR VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF
A SETTLEMENT IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. IN ORDER TO PREPARE
SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC OPINION FOR A CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARDS

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RHODESIA, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO MAKE

A LIMITED AND PRELIMINARY MOVE. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, AT THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY IN NATAL, THE

SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLANS TO MAKE A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE WILL REFER TO MY AUGUST 4 SPEECH IN BOSTON.

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINISTER WILL POINT OUT THAT MY SPEECH INDICATES THAT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY NEED TO BE PROTECTED BY GUARANTEES, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL ONES. THE MINISTER EXPECTS TO ADD THAT IF THE SAFETY AND BASIC RIGHTS OF THE WHITE MINORITY IN RHODESIA ARE PROTECTED, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WITHHOLD ITS SUPPORT FROM EFFORTS TO BRING MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA.

"I AM SURE YOU RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STEP WHICH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE TAKING IN MAKING A STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES. IT IS CLEARLY A STEP TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT AND WITHIN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTEXT, IT IS AN IMPORTANT GESTURE. YOU UNDERSTAND THE RISKS INVOLVED BETTER THAN I SINCE YOU WERE THE FIRST TO TELL ME OF THE POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH JOHN VORSTER OPERATES.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO MOVE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT EVEN THIS FAR. THOUGH I AM MINDFUL OF THE MANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH LIE AHEAD, THIS FIRST, PUBLIC STEP REASSURES ME AND GIVES ME CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE. I EXPECT YOU WILL ALSO AGREE THAT THE STATEMENT IS THE FIRST CLEAR-CUT RESULT OF THE WORK WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TOGETHER TO BRING A SOLUTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS.

"I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE OTHER URGENT DEVELOPMENTS TO YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WILLIAM ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE WILL BE IN DAR ES SALAAM ON AUGUST 24 TO CARRY FORWARD THE CONSULTATIONS, AND WILL

BRING WITH THEM FULLER DETAILS ON THE URGENT MATTERS
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BEFORE US. I HOPE TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

"WARMEST REGARDS. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER"

3. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: (KAUNDA) SINCE MY MOST RECENT LETTER TO YOU, I HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO WHAT STEPS WE NEED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS FINDING

SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS. MY UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, WILLIAM ROGERS,

AND AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE WILL BE ARRIVING IN LUSAKA ON
AUGUST 25 TO CONSULT WITH YOU IN MUCH GREATER DETAIL AND
BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE BRITISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

"IN THE MEANTIME, I WISH TO STAY IN THE CLOSEST COMMUNICA-
TIONS WITH YOU IN ORDER THAT YOU AND I MAY EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON MATTERS OF GREAT URGENCY. I HAVE BEEN IN
CONTACT WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE LAST
FEW DAYS AND AM ENCOURAGED BY THE ATTITUDE WHICH THAT
GOVERNMENT IS DEVELOPING. I AM ASSURED SOUTH AFRICA'S
AUTHORITIES HAVE THE PRINCIPAL ASPECTS OF A SETTLEMENT
FOR RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION. THEY
ARE PREPARING THEIR OWN STRATEGY.

"AS A FIRST STEP, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED, THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO MAKE A LIMITED, PUBLIC, BUT IN MY
VIEW, A DECISIVE MOVE TOWARDS A RESOLUTION OF THE RHODESIAN
CRISIS. AT THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL PARTY
IN NATAL ON AUGUST 12, SOUTH AFRICA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WILL MAKE A STATEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS
STATEMENT WILL REFER TO MY AUGUST 4 SPEECH IN BOSTON. HE
WILL EMPHASIZE THE POINT THAT PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO PRO-
TECT THE SAFETY AND RIGHTS OF RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY.
HE WILL SAY IF THOSE PLANS ARE FULLY DEVELOPED, THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WITHHOLD ITS SUPPORT FROM
EFFORTS TO BRING MAJORITY RULE TO RHODESIA.

"I AM SURE YOU JOIN ME IN REALIZING HOW IMPORTANT A STEP
THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE TAKING WITH REGARD TO THEIR OWN
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PUBLIC OPINION AND IN PREPARING THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT
FOR THE INEVITABLE SETTLEMENT. YOU AND I HAVE DISCUSSED
THE POLITICAL REALITIES WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA AND I HOPE YOU
AGREE WITH ME THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT IS
AN IMPORTANT GESTURE. I ALSO FEEL THAT IT IS A STRONG
INDICATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED TOWARDS
AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. MOVING SAG THIS FAR HAS NOT BEEN EASY.

"EVEN THOUGH I AM MINDFUL OF THE MANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH
LIE IN OUR PATH, I AM REASSURED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT WHICH
I REGARD AS THE FIRST, CONCRETE RESULT OF THE WORK YOU AND
I HAVE UNDERTAKEN TOGETHER TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"EVENTS ARE MOVING RAPIDLY AND WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE BOTH

FOR RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMING

DAYS. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HAVE APPRECIATED OUR CANDID
AND POSITIVE EXCHANGES IN THE PAST. THE CLOSE COMMUNICA-
TIONS WE ENJOY ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE.

"WITH BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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